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Report on a Rome Plot Is Clarified by Walesa

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ELBLAG, Poland, March 15 — Lech Walesa, the former Solidarity leader, said here today that he was not accusing Ryszard Kalinowski, a former union aide, of being part of a purported Bulgarian-run plot to murder him.

"No, I don't accuse him of any participation," Mr. Walesa said in an interview here at a trial of six unionists.

The name of Mr. Kalinowski, former head of the union's Elblag local, emerged Monday in a dispatch from Rome by Ansa, the Italian news agency, which said the Italian police had come across the name in investigating a possible plot to kill Mr. Walesa during a visit to Rome in 1981.

Mr. Kalinowski, charged with Solidarity's foreign relations, had arranged the trip and had gone along.

Reached by telephone at his home here, Mr. Kalinowski, a truck driver, denied knowledge of any plot.

"No one tried to kill Lech or organize anything," he said, adding that he had never worked for the Polish security police or any other intelligence agency.

The Ansa report quoted Mr. Walesa as having said that Mr. Kalinowski might know something about the incident and should be interrogated.

Mr. Walesa said here that he did not mean to imply that Mr. Kalinowski had been part of a plot,

According to Mr. Walesa, Mr. Kalinowald had suggested that the two go out on an evening's tour of Rome without their usual entourage.

"We had not seen the city and we had been surrounded by cameras and reporters and security," Mr. Walesa said. "The plan was to sneak out the kitchen door, but at the last minute, I decided not to go."

An aide to Mr. Walesa said Mr. Kalinowski and others did go out. Two cars cut them off, this source said, but let them go when it was found that Mr. Walesa was not in the group.